

First Aid Class

In May, 1917, a First Aid Class was organized and taught by Dr. G. A. Aiken. At the examination in June, conducted by Dr. Eugene A. Case, five students received certificates.

Influenza Epidemic

During the influenza epidemic the Chapter, under the leadership of Mrs. S. P. Holding, Chairman of the special committee on aid in the epidemic, rendered every service in its power in fighting the disease. It furnished six volunteer nurses, food and equipment.

Work

The work of the chapter was organized under the direction of committee chairmen as follows:

Supplies—Mrs. W. M. Dickson.

Entertainment—Mrs. B. F. Sledd.

Membership—Miss Louise Williams.

Home Service—J. M. Brewer.

Junior Auxiliary—Miss Bessie Holding.

Woman's Work—Miss Ruby L. Reid.

An invitation was accepted to visit the Raleigh workroom and learn something of the work the Auxiliary would be called upon to do. So twenty of the members motored to Raleigh and were initiated into the mysteries of Triangular, T, and rolled bandages, also wipes and laparotomy pads.

The basement of the Baptist church was secured as a workroom, and work was begun on May 30, 1917. A unique ceremony of consecration was arranged for the opening day. The members wearing the insignia marched in a body into the church preceded by a large Red Cross banner. Mrs. Brewer, the chairman, presided and made an address on the Red Cross and its aims. Mr. Graves, the pastor, led in prayer, and Mrs. Earnshaw read a Red Cross poem. Blanks were then passed among the audience by the membership committee and quite a number joined the organization.

In October, 1917, the Citizens Bank offered the Red Cross Chapter the use of their directors' room for a workroom. This offer was accepted, the bank furnishing the room, heat and lights when needed, for sometimes the work was carried on at night. The courtesy and helpfulness of the bank officers were unfailing and their many kindnesses were a great help to the work.